General Davis Investigating Fort Bragg

Trunk Murder Is Solved

Attending Postal Meet

Mrs. Emma L. Tucker, left, Baltimore, and Mrs. Myrtle Robinson of Los Angeles, who are among the 500 delegates and visitors attending sessions of the National Postal Alliance at Sharp Street Methodist Church this week. Mrs. Tucker is the wife of Rufus E. Tucker, clerk in the local post office for the past seventeen years, and Mrs. Robinson is the wife of Jesse Robinson, clerk in the California city for the past [illegible] years.

Army Mess Halls Have Own Etiquette

Are Distinctive Table Manners

FORT CUSTER, Mich., (ANP).—"Pass the salt, please, and no 'short stopping' the butts on the gravy."

Soldiers have distinctive table manners of their own about which they are as strict and [illegible] the most exacting disciples of Emily Post. Custom has brought about a number of mess hall rules based on simple courtesy and common sense.

Army veterans are even temperamental and jumpy about the manners of their table associates and a soldier's popularity is based, in a measure, on his knowledge of, and alert reaction, to the language of the army mess halls.

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Joe and Marva Kiss, Make Up

141 Afro Carriers Off on Summer Tour

Saturday is the day for 141 champion AFRO carriers and newsboys who are off to New York on their free annual summer tour.

The main body of carriers will leave Washington early Saturday morning in two chartered railroad coaches. Youngsters from Virginia, North and South Carolina will be aboard.

Stops will be made in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Newark to pick up recruits there. New Englanders will join the caravan in New York.

The five days to be spent in the world's largest city will be featured by big doings.

FICA Headquarters

First comes a sightseeing trip around greater New York, covering the Bowery, Times Square, Grant's Tomb, Chinatown, George

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First Douglass Families Enter Homes Tuesday

The first of 393 families will move into the completed section of the $3,266,000 Frederick Douglass housing project in East Baltimore on Tuesday, it was announced this week.

This section of the project which will accommodate 136 families, is bounded by Eden, Lexington, Orleans and Caroline Streets. Meanwhile, other pros-

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Fort Bragg Riot Probed by Gen. Davis

Brigadier General B. O. Davis has been ordered to Fort Bragg, N.C., to investigate conditions which led to the death of a colored seletee and a white sergeant of military police during the recent riot on a bus hauling soldiers back from Fayetteville, the AFRO learned this week.

General Davis, who is attached to the office of the Inspector General in the War Department here, took a plane for Fort Bragg shortly after the riot was reported, the AFRO learned.

War Department officials would issue no statement concerning General Davis's part in the investigation, but confirmed the AFRO's information that he was at Fort Bragg.

The investigation, which Secre-

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Announcement Comes as Surprise after Tete-a-Tete Behind Courtroom Doors

CHICAGO— (ANP) —Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis and his wife, Marva, kissed and made up here Tuesday.

Halting the hearing before Master-in-Chancery Dwight S. Bobb, the Brown Bomber and his wife announced that they had decided to reunite and left the courtroom together.

Visited Her Monday

It is understood that Joe visited Marva Monday night after they left the hearings. At that time, they arrived at an agreement to let the matter hang for thirty days.

When they came to court Tuesday morning, however, they asked for permission to confer alone. They went into a room and when they emerged, they announced that their differences had been settled and that they would leave for Joe's farm in Michigan that afternoon.

Bindley Cyrus and Sidney Brown, attorneys, announced that they would move to withdraw the divorce suit on Thursday or Friday.

Her clothes cost her $6,000 a year, Mrs. Louis, wife of the world's champion had previously testified as she took the witness stand this week to seek $15,000 a year maintenance from her boxer-husband.

To back up her contention, Mrs. Louis, the former Marva Trotter, listed as necessary expense items her table, help, utilities, auto upkeep, her musical education, dental care, beauty parlor, recreation and entertain-

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With this issue, the AFRO-AMERICAN completes its 49th and enters its 50th year of service to its readers.

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L. F. Ford Reelected by Postal Men

FLASH!

Lafayette F. Ford of St. Louis was reelected president of the National Postal Alliance at 12:55 today (Friday) on the first ballot. He received 52 of the 101 votes cast.

The question uppermost in the minds of the 500 delegates and visitors attending the eleventh biennial convention of the National Postal Alliance at Sharp Street Memorial Methodist Church, is who will be elected president for the next two years.

5 Candidates in Field

Candidates for the presidency are: G. N. T. Gray of Washington, present welfare director of the alliance; Percy L. Conrad, East Orange, N.J.; Trezzvant W. Anderson, Charlotte, N.C., and Percy R. Hines, Chicago.

Ballots for the president are cast through the mail by the alliance's 8,000 members prior to the convention and counted during the meet.

However, because of the large number of candidates, it is predicted that when the ballots are counted today no one candidate will have sufficient votes to be

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Gets $6,000 Job

LIEUT. SAMUEL J. BATTLE, of the New York City police department, who was appointed Wednesday by Mayor LaGuardia to the $6,000-a-year post on the N.Y. Parole Commission, vacated by the death of Lou Gehrig, baseball star.

Suicide Clue in Trunk Murder

PHILADELPHIA

Battered almost beyond recognition and badly decomposed, the body of a woman about 36 years old was found stuffed in a dilapidated trunk in a South Philadelphia rooming house, Tuesday, with the murder weapon — a blood-stained, homemade club — lying alongside.

And less than an hour later, as a weird chain of discoveries began to clear the mystery shrouding the case, police disclosed their investigation had revealed the following:

Dead Three Weeks

1. That the woman, dead for at least three weeks, has been tentatively identified as Miss Hattie Selby, known to other roomers in the house at 706 S. Twelfth Street as the girlfriend of William Reed, 71-year-old recluse who occupied the room where the trunk and its gruesome contents were found.

2. That Reed, whom police named as her slayer, had committed suicide two weeks before by jumping off the South Street Bridge into the Delaware River after probably sleeping beside his sweetheart's body for several days.

Found by Rent Collector

The body was discovered on Tuesday morning when the janitor

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Funeral Director Faces $10,000 Heart Balm Suit

Mrs. Katie R. Williams of 322 N. Schroeder Street, well-known funeral director, charged with alienation of affections, was sued in the Court of Common Pleas Monday for $10,000 heart balm by the estranged wife of Cornelius O. Tyler, chauffeur, whose address was given as Mrs. Williams's home.

The complainant, Mrs. Victoria E. Tyler of 1106 W. Saratoga Street, entered suit for divorce in Circuit Court at the same time. She accused Mrs. Williams of alienating her husband's affections, obtaining money from him through divers and devious means, resulting in her home being broken up.

Couple Wed in 1919

Mrs. Tyler said that she and her husband were married on May 13, 1919, by the priest of St. Mary Catholic Church and lived together until June, 1939, when he deserted her. They have one son, Pran T. Tyler, 21.

After the separation, Mrs. Tyler said, her husband and Mrs. Williams lived together, which destroyed his affection for her and caused her to lose his comfort, company, society, support, pres-

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150 Landowners Balk at Prices Government Offers

Some 150 colored residents of Pertyman, Md., face the serious problem of finding new homes because their present location is directly in the path of the proposed expansion of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, it was learned this week.

Residents say that government agents, reportedly from the Federal Land Bank in Baltimore, are offering them ridiculously low prices for their property and giving them to understand that they must release it at the prices offered or it will be taken.

It is also reported that all people involved in the situation are determined not to sign any papers until a satisfactory solution of differences over the prices they will receive for their land seems near.

Offered $45 Per Acre

The situation was first called to the attention of the American Civil Liberties Union by an interested white landowner. Referred to the Baltimore branch of the National Urban League, the plight of the colored residents of Pertyman has been placed before William M. Hastie, civilian aide to the Secretary of War.

According to an Urban League investigator, landowners are being offered $45 to $100 an acre for their land as compared to $200 per acre paid by the government in 1917 for adjoining properties.

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Prominent Americans on Cuban Tour, Foil 3 Jim Crow Attempts

By MERCER COOK

HAVANA, Cuba—En route to the Cuban capital from Miami, two distinguished colored Americans and their wives fought segregation three times—and whipped it three times!

They were President and Mrs. Benjamin E. Mays of Morehouse College, and the Southern field director of the National Urban League, Jesse O. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas.

Sailing from Miami on Monday night on the S.S. Florida (of the P. and O. Line), they had their first encounter with prejudice when they were taken to inside staterooms, notwithstanding the

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They're Familiar Figures at National Postal Alliance Convention in Session Here This Week

Mrs. Marie Gray of [illegible] president of the [illegible]liary of the National [illegible]ance, meeting at [illegible]morial Methodist [illegible]gh, who was re-elected for [illegible]hird term at the Thursday [illegible]ions. Left is Mrs. Helen E. [illegible]t of Detroit, former financial [illegible]retary-treasurer, who was defeated for [illegible] Henrietta [illegible] Pa. Right is [illegible] of Chicago, who was re-elected [illegible] recording and [illegible] corresponding secretary.

[illegible] by Mrs. [illegible] of Blairsville, [illegible] Maude L. Riggs [illegible]

Lafayette F. Ford of St. Louis, president of the alliance, discusses the week's program with Henry L. Mims of Houston, Texas, first president of the alliance, who founded the organization some twenty years ago in Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Ford has served as president for two terms and is a candidate for re-election. The alliance session, which opened Monday evening, will continue until Saturday evening. This is the first time the convention has been held in Baltimore. Next convention may be held in Los Angeles in 1943.

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